

1960-1961: The first section of a new building is completed with four finished classrooms and one unfinished room for further expansion. Enrollment—53.

1963: First Headmistress, Mrs. Edith Newcomb, resigns.

1963-1965: Mr. W.D. Harrison is appointed Headmaster. He serves for 2 years, resigning due to poor health.

1972-1973: Col. Boleyn resigns and A. Thomas Jackson becomes Headmaster. The third wing of the building is completed. Enrollment—132.

1975: The school purchases 2.5 additional acres for soccer fields from Mrs. Lowell Riley.

1979-1980: Firestone Fieldhouse is completed. Enrollment—155.

1980-1981: A. Thomas Jackson resigns and Raymond C. Nance becomes Headmaster.

1989-1990: The library is renovated and a computer lab with 10 computers is created.

1992-1993: Raymond Nance resigns and Dr. Randall Hollister becomes headmaster. Enrollment—178.

1998: A second computer lab of 22 systems added; computer network added—2 computers per classroom.

1999: School receives gift of 55 acres ("White's Ferry property") and \$200,000 gift made possible by Mr. Henry Brown.

2000: LCS adds 10,000 square feet of classroom space.

2001-2002: Dr. Randall Hollister receives Washington Post Distinguished Leadership Award.

2003: LCDS offers 2 sections of classes for all grades except 6th and 8th; enrollment is 256.

October 15, 2003: Founders' Day—Loudoun Country Day School celebrates 50 years of educational excellence.

## 92ND TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

### HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2003, one of our largest trading partners, the Republic of China, Taiwan, will be celebrating the 92nd anniversary of its National Day. I wish to join my colleagues in the United States Congress in sending best wishes to the twenty-two million residents of this lovely island. I also commend President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu as they continue to lead Taiwan to greater economic prosperity at home and greater participation in international activities abroad.

Just like our 4th of July, October 10th marks the beginning of a fantastic story of economic, social and political success that has culminated in Taiwan becoming a vibrant democracy in the Pacific Region. These are exciting times in the history of relations between the United States and Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, on this 92nd occasion of the Republic of China's National Day, it is important to remember that Taiwan has a strong relationship with the United States, and we hope this relationship will continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

## SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION GRANTS (SBIR) ELIGIBILITY

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the Small Business Committee to continue working to restore the eligibility for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants to venture backed biotechnology start-up companies. Under the SBIR program, a specific percentage of all Federal research and development grant monies are reserved for small business applicants. These funds provide critical "seed" money to new business innovators.

However, recent changes in the Small Business Administration's (SBA) interpretation of eligibility standards for SBIR grants now disqualify many start-up biotechnology companies with venture capital backing. Specifically, SBA regulations require that, in order to be eligible for a grant, a small company must be at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals. Recently, the SBA has interpreted "individuals" to mean only natural persons, resulting in the disqualification of companies with venture capital backing from the SBIR program.

Home to a burgeoning biotech industry, Missouri relies on the SBIR program to fund early-stage companies. In addition, venture capital plays a vital role in the financial support of the very companies the SBIR program has been designed to benefit. However, this interpretation will prevent the most innovative small biotech companies in Missouri from participating in SBIR grant programs, resulting in an adverse impact on the industry as well as the economy.

Clearly, this new interpretation threatens an important funding source for Missouri's start-up biotech companies. Once again, Mr. Speaker, I urge the Small Business Committee to restore the eligibility for SBIR grants to venture backed biotechnology start-up companies so Missourians can take the first steps in this new century to secure a sustainable and beneficial future in the biotechnology industry.

## AUGSBURG COLLEGE CONGRATULATES DR. PETER AGRE, WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY

### HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Peter Agree, M.D. who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry today. Although he is now at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore where he received his M.D., I am proud to say that Dr. Agree received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Agree's father, the late Courtland Agree, taught chemistry at Augsburg College from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Dr. Agree's award is for the discovery of transportation channels in cell walls. The

Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences believes the work of Peter Agree and Roderick MacKinnon, with whom he shares the prize, is of great importance for our understanding of many diseases of the kidneys, heart, muscles and nervous system.

Today the entire Augsburg College community, including alumni like me, congratulates Dr. Agree for a discovery that benefits all of humanity. I hope that the young people in our schools and colleges and universities are inspired by your example and will explore the exciting possibilities that lie in scientific discovery.

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. JOHN O. MONTGOMERY

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, John and Dorothy Montgomery were united in marriage on September 25, 1953; and

Whereas John and Dorothy Montgomery are celebrating 50 years of marriage; and,

Whereas, John and Dorothy Montgomery have demonstrated love and commitment to each other; and

Whereas, John and Dorothy Montgomery must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, John and Dorothy Montgomery have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating John and Dorothy Montgomery as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

## TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

### HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Taiwan's forthcoming National Day, I wish to congratulate Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian and the people of Taiwan for their economic and political successes during the years past.

Economically, the people in Taiwan enjoy one of the highest standards of living. Politically, it is a vibrant democracy with free elections, respect for human rights and a free press.

Taiwan also has a strong relationship with the United States. It is one of our major trading partners. Their students study in our colleges and universities and their people frequently choose the United States to spend their tourist dollars. In addition, their government has given us their total support of our war against global terrorism.

On their forthcoming National Day, I wish to assure our friends in Taiwan that we acknowledge and appreciate the strong ties between our two peoples.